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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Sir:

Attached is a list of documents on Form PTO-1449. It is requested that the Examiner consider these documents and officially make them of record in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and Section 609 of the MPEP.

All items listed were cited in parent Application No. 09/260,209, filed March 1, 1999. Because the benefit of this application was claimed under 35 U.S.C. 120, no copies need to be furnished in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 198(d); however, copies will be furnished upon request.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 CFR § 1.97(b) before the latter of three months after the U.S. patent application filing date or the first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, no fee or § 1.97(e) Statement is required.

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Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 17-32, drawn to self sealing vessel, classified in class 220, subclass 581.
- II. Claims 33-35, drawn to a system for microwave assisted chemistry, classified in class 250, subclass 428.

Inventions II and I are related as combination and subcombination. Inventions in this relationship are distinct if it can be shown that (1) the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed for patentability, and (2) that the subcombination has utility by itself or in other combinations (MPEP § 806.05(c)). In the instant case, the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the cap and cylinder both comprising fluorinated hydrocarbons as required by the subcombination. The subcombination has separate utility such as for a reaction chamber placed within a electromagnetic field other than microwave radiation.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

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